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Dear Madam

Travelling recently with one of the contributors to the Liberty Bell, I had a specimen of the mettle of which it was to be composed. If all the material is as good, & the casting fortunate, the tone of the Bell must be very excellent - & it will give me pleasure to do what I can to help ring it.

I have not seen Knapps circular - if any have been sent here, they are kept out of sight. When I mention what Knapp was, I pity him: But Bishop deserves none, unless his conduct is chargeable to insanity, for he persisted in putting the rope about his neck against the repeated remonstrances of his friends. But it is of no consequence - merely the tremors of the muscles after the heart is dead. - Elisha I have some sympathy for. He was created an honest man. Nature stamped him with the seal of Old Orig. Phillips, Stanton, & Co. deceived him. He believed what they told him - had been accustomed to do so - had no doubt their representations were true, & acted accordingly. Well, he was soon sensible of being in the wrong place. He did not could not, meet the wishes of N. O. They dropped him, & he flew to La Fontaine for bread.

Respectfully A. Farnsworth

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